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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 1988 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT INCHES UPWARD OVER MONTH

The actual Texas unemployment rate edged up from 6.6 percent in July to 6.7 percent in August, as the number of jobless Statewide rose by a moderate 5,700 over the month. The current rate was still well below the 8.3 percent recorded in August 1987 and was the lowest rate for August since 1985. Total employment in the actual series dropped slightly over the month, to an estimated 7,901,400 in mid-August. The current total was considerably above the year-ago level. According to Current Population Survey estimates, there were 198,000 agricultural workers in Texas in August.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	123,396.0	123,889.0	121,615.0
Unemployment	6,659.0	6,823.0	7,088.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.5	5.8
Total Employment	116,737.0	117,066.0	114,527.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	122,031.0	121,684.0	120,306.0
Unemployment	6,851.0	6,625.0	7,256.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.4	6.0
Total Employment	115,180.0	115,059.0	113,050.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,469.3	8,492.0	8,440.1
Unemployment	567.9	562.2	697.7
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.6	8.3
Total Employment	7,901.4	7,929.8	7,742.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,381.0	8,277.0	8,354.0
Unemployment	567.0	520.0	695.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.3	8.3
Total Employment	7,814.0	7,757.0	7,659.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State unemployment rate rose from 6.3 percent in July to 6.8 percent in August. The current rate was down substantially from August 1987's 8.3 percent. The lower rates experienced this summer compared to those in 1987 are indicative of a gradually improving Texas economy. Rates in both series for the Nation were almost unchanged over the month. The actual U. S. rate inched downward from 5.5 percent to 5.4 percent in August, while the seasonally adjusted rate rose slightly from 5.4 percent to 5.6 percent. Both rates were below those for August 1987.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS DECLINE MODERATELY

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas dropped by 2,500 between July and August, totaling 6,579,900 in mid-August. Much of the decrease was due to fairly small seasonal layoffs in several sectors of the State's economy. Despite the monthly decline, the count of nonfarm salaried jobs was up over 120,000 from the August 1987 level. Only construction, mining and finance, insurance and real estate had lost jobs over the past year.

Manufacturing exhibited the strongest expansion between July and August, adding 1,700 jobs. In nonmanufacturing, the largest increase was in transportation and

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	48,900	49,000	47,500	77,200	77,800	77,200	339,100	340,300	342,700
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,600	9,600	9,600	10,000	39,700	39,600	39,600
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	700	700	800
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,100	4,000	4,000	3,900	15,500	15,600	17,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,300	2,300	5,800	5,800	5,800	10,600	10,700	10,800
Trade	13,800	13,800	13,400	23,200	23,500	22,400	77,000	77,000	79,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,700	4,300	4,400	4,500	24,700	24,700	25,100
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,700	12,600	16,800	16,900	16,500	83,000	83,300	84,400
Government	8,200	8,400	7,800	12,300	12,400	12,900	87,900	88,700	85,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,300	128,500	127,500	57,900	57,700	56,300	66,800	66,700	65,800
Manufacturing	25,400	25,500	24,800	15,700	15,600	15,400	10,600	10,600	10,300
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,700	1,800	--	--	--
Construction	8,200	8,100	7,500	6,700	6,600	5,700	2,100	2,200	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	9,900	9,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,300	3,100	3,400
Trade	31,400	31,300	32,100	11,100	10,900	11,100	17,700	17,700	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,300	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,900	27,900	28,000	8,100	8,100	7,700	15,100	15,000	14,300
Government	18,800	19,000	18,500	10,400	10,500	10,200	14,500	14,600	14,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,400	46,200	45,500	124,300	123,700	122,100	1,329.1	1,331.4	1,326.0
Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	3,100	11,500	11,300	11,300	222.5	222.4	221.6
Mining	600	600	600	4,100	3,900	4,200	18.3	18.4	18.6
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,100	6,400	6,100	6,300	50.4	51.0	63.0
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,600	7,100	7,100	7,200	93.0	92.9	90.0
Trade	9,700	9,500	9,700	32,700	32,600	32,200	352.6	352.5	345.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,800	7,000	7,000	6,900	128.5	129.2	133.6
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,400	8,500	29,200	29,200	27,500	320.3	321.3	313.8
Government	18,900	18,900	18,100	26,300	26,500	26,500	143.5	143.7	139.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	186,900	187,200	185,600	513,400	513,900	516,200	71,600	71,900	71,200
Manufacturing	38,000	37,900	37,800	119,000	118,200	114,700	8,400	8,400	8,500
Mining	--	--	--	3,700	3,600	3,600	600	500	600
Construction	9,200	9,500	10,000	19,500	19,400	25,600	2,800	2,900	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,000	11,000	10,400	31,000	31,100	30,400	4,400	4,600	5,200
Trade	47,200	47,400	46,300	132,500	132,500	138,100	15,300	15,400	14,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,600	9,600	9,600	26,800	26,900	28,300	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	36,000	35,900	35,200	116,500	117,500	113,200	15,200	15,300	14,400
Government	35,900	35,900	36,300	64,400	64,700	62,300	20,800	20,700	20,100

public utilities, which rose by a moderate 800 in August. The majority of the gain was in transportation, except railroads, which continued to benefit from summer travelers.

Construction activity tapered off from its relatively strong gains in June and July, adding only 600 jobs in August. The only other increase in nonmanufacturing occurred in finance, insurance and real estate. Insurance carriers, agents and brokers added 200 jobs while banking added 100 and the other finance, insurance and real estate sector declined by 100, leaving the industry as a whole up only 200 over the month.

The biggest downturn in August was in services, where 2,800 jobs were cut. The largest of the declines was in amusement, including motion pictures, which lost 700 jobs as some outdoor parks began reducing staff. Personal services dropped 600 positions over the month. The largest decrease was in other services and miscellaneous, where civic, social and fraternal organizations' summer activities drew to a close. Health services continued to generate substantial growth, with 1,200 additions in August.

Government lost 1,500 jobs over the month, with the bulk of the cuts in the local government sector. This was primarily due to layoffs of personnel in schools and colleges between the end of summer school and the beginning of fall staffing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug. '88*	Jul. '88**	Aug. '87**
	HOUSTON 2/		
TOTAL	1,416.0	1,416.2	1,380.5
Manufacturing	151.6	151.4	146.6
Mining	65.3	64.0	62.8
Construction	87.7	86.9	84.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	99.9	99.9	98.1
Trade	358.9	359.4	350.5
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.7	98.1	101.8
Services & Misc.	374.5	375.0	360.2
Government	180.4	181.5	175.9
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	65,400	65,700	63,800
Manufacturing	15,900	16,000	15,700
Mining	3,600	3,700	3,600
Construction	3,400	3,400	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	17,000	17,000	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,600	11,400
Government	8,100	8,100	7,900
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	44,400	44,600	43,000
Manufacturing	2,800	2,900	2,900
Mining	9,700	9,900	9,700
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,100
Trade	10,500	10,400	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,500
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	8,600
Government	6,600	6,600	5,700
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	504,800	504,400	497,100
Manufacturing	46,200	46,600	46,300
Mining	2,600	2,500	2,500
Construction	26,400	26,500	31,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,400	18,400
Trade	135,100	134,300	131,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	40,900	40,800	40,200
Services & Misc.	126,300	126,100	119,600
Government	109,100	109,200	107,600
	TYLER		
TOTAL	61,200	61,300	61,000
Manufacturing	10,400	10,400	10,800
Mining	1,800	2,000	1,900
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trade	16,800	16,800	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,600	3,700
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,700	14,500
Government	8,700	8,800	8,500
	WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	50,700	50,800	49,700
Manufacturing	8,300	8,300	8,500
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,200	12,200	12,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,500	11,400
Government	9,600	9,800	9,100

Industry	Aug. '88*	Jul. '88**	Aug. '87**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,900	70,800	69,000
Manufacturing	8,400	8,500	8,000
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700
Trade	16,600	16,400	16,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	2,900
Services & Misc.	15,500	15,600	15,000
Government	21,000	20,900	20,600
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	92,400	92,100	89,500
Manufacturing	7,400	7,400	7,000
Mining	400	400	400
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,100	5,000	4,700
Trade	27,900	27,800	26,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,500
Services & Misc.	22,500	22,400	21,400
Government	20,000	20,000	20,300
	ODESSA		
TOTAL	42,800	42,900	41,700
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,700
Mining	5,900	6,100	5,900
Construction	2,100	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	12,900	12,900	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	7,100
Government	6,900	6,900	6,800
	SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	38,100	37,900	37,500
Manufacturing	11,400	11,400	11,200
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	1,800	1,700	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,000	2,000
Trade	8,300	8,300	8,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,500	8,300
Government	4,100	4,100	4,100
	VICTORIA		
TOTAL	27,200	27,300	27,200
Manufacturing	2,900	3,000	3,000
Mining	1,500	1,600	1,600
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,500	1,500
Trade	7,700	7,600	7,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,700	5,700	5,800
Government	4,400	4,500	4,300

Industry	Aug. '88*	Jul. '88**	Aug. '87**
	LAREDO		
TOTAL	36,900	36,900	34,900
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,900
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,000	5,000	4,500
Trade	10,700	10,700	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,100	6,000	5,800
Government	8,500	8,600	7,700
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	88,000	86,400	84,600
Manufacturing	11,400	11,300	11,700
Mining	900	900	800
Construction	4,100	4,100	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,700	2,800
Trade	26,400	25,900	25,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,800	3,800
Services & Misc.	15,000	14,400	14,400
Government	23,600	23,300	22,200
	SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	36,300	36,000	35,600
Manufacturing	5,600	5,400	5,600
Mining	400	400	400
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	9,500	9,300	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,000	7,600
Government	6,400	6,500	6,100
	TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	44,400	44,500	45,200
Manufacturing	7,200	7,100	7,400
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	1,700	1,700	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,800	1,900	1,800
Trade	10,800	10,700	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,700	9,800	9,300
Government	11,200	11,300	11,900
	WACO		
TOTAL	77,000	77,000	75,400
Manufacturing	14,900	14,900	15,100
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	4,000	3,900	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	19,100	19,100	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	19,800	19,600	18,800
Government	11,100	11,400	11,000

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Aug. 1988*	Jul. 1988**	Aug. 1987**	Change From Jul. 1988	Change From Aug. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,579,900	6,582,400	6,457,500	-2,500	122,400
Manufacturing	949,300	947,600	932,500	1,700	16,800
Durable Goods	547,400	546,700	532,200	700	15,200
Lumber & Wood Products	33,800	34,400	33,800	-600	0
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,500	6,600	6,500	-100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,300	15,900	16,800	400	-500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	43,000	43,200	43,900	-200	-900
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	17,900	18,100	19,200	-200	-1,300
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,700	27,000	100	1,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,200	76,300	72,300	-100	3,900
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,900	35,900	35,100	0	800
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,800	101,700	98,700	100	3,100
Oil Field Machinery	22,800	22,900	21,300	-100	1,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,700	118,300	116,100	400	2,600
Transportation Equipment	93,700	93,600	89,500	100	4,200
Aircraft & Parts	54,500	54,400	52,000	100	2,500
Instruments & Related Products	21,700	21,700	21,300	0	400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,400	12,900	12,800	500	600
Nondurable Goods	401,900	400,900	400,300	1,000	1,600
Food & Kindred Products	95,700	95,500	97,900	200	-2,200
Meat Products	28,000	28,300	29,200	-300	-1,200
Dairy Products	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Bakery Products	10,200	10,200	9,800	0	400
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	-100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,100	54,200	53,900	-100	200
Paper & Allied Products	26,100	26,000	24,000	100	2,100
Printing & Publishing	74,000	73,600	73,100	400	900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,900	35,700	36,600	200	-700
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,000	74,800	74,500	200	500
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,500	31,600	32,700	-100	-1,200
Petroleum Refining	28,100	28,300	29,500	-200	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,300	7,400	100	1,000
Other Nondurable Goods	33,100	32,900	32,700	200	400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,630,600	5,634,800	5,525,000	-4,200	105,600
Mining	181,700	182,200	181,900	-500	-200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,600	9,900	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	172,200	172,600	172,000	-400	200
Construction	329,000	328,400	350,800	600	-21,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	393,300	392,500	385,900	800	7,400
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	21,600	0	-800
Transportation, Except Railroads	211,600	210,900	203,100	700	8,500
Transportation by Air	62,800	62,400	57,100	400	5,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,400	84,400	84,800	0	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,500	76,400	76,400	100	100
Electric Services	41,300	41,300	41,900	0	-600
Gas Production & Distribution	27,900	27,900	27,300	0	600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,666,900	1,667,900	1,641,600	-1,000	25,300
Wholesale Trade	411,600	411,800	408,500	-200	3,100
Retail Trade	1,255,300	1,256,100	1,233,100	-800	22,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	45,000	45,100	45,700	-100	-700
General Merchandise Stores	167,500	166,000	163,400	1,500	4,100
Food Stores	228,600	229,700	225,700	-1,100	2,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,400	135,500	134,000	-100	1,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,300	77,700	80,400	600	-2,100
Eating & Drinking Places	417,100	419,000	401,400	-1,900	15,700
Other Retail Trade	183,400	183,100	182,500	300	900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442,500	442,300	444,300	200	-1,800
Banking	99,000	98,900	98,200	100	800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	139,500	139,300	139,100	200	400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	204,000	204,100	207,000	-100	-3,000
Services	1,499,400	1,502,200	1,436,500	-2,800	62,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,400	83,000	83,300	400	100
Personal Services	83,800	84,400	82,400	-600	1,400
Business & Repair Services	417,700	417,400	399,800	300	17,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	61,800	62,500	55,500	-700	6,300
Health Services	412,600	411,400	388,900	1,200	23,700
Educational Services	67,800	68,100	65,800	-300	2,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	372,300	375,400	360,800	-3,100	11,500
Total Government	1,117,800	1,119,300	1,084,000	-1,500	33,800
Total Federal Government	191,600	191,500	196,300	100	-4,700
Total State Government	233,800	234,100	220,300	-300	13,500
Total Local Government	692,400	693,700	667,400	-1,300	25,000

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,800	54,900	54,500	103,100	103,800	103,400	426,700	428,300	429,800
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,100	4,500	5,600	5,500	6,700	24,700	24,400	29,000
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.6	8.3	5.4	5.3	6.5	5.8	5.7	6.7
Total Employment 2/	51,700	51,800	50,000	97,500	98,300	96,700	402,000	403,900	400,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,800	163,400	165,100	83,900	84,000	82,900	100,100	99,800	99,500
Total Unemployment	15,500	15,400	20,100	6,200	6,200	8,000	12,500	12,000	13,400
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.4	12.2	7.4	7.4	9.7	12.5	12.0	13.5
Total Employment 2/	147,300	148,000	145,000	77,700	77,800	74,900	87,600	87,800	86,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,300	57,400	56,500	162,900	163,400	163,000	1,496.3	1,501.9	1,487.1
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,500	3,200	13,800	14,300	18,600	80.7	79.6	95.2
Percent Unemployed	4.2	4.4	5.7	8.5	8.8	11.4	5.4	5.3	6.4
Total Employment 2/	54,900	54,900	53,300	149,100	149,100	144,400	1,415.6	1,422.3	1,391.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	241,900	241,700	238,200	695,400	697,100	698,700	112,200	112,600	113,900
Total Unemployment	24,300	23,500	25,000	40,500	40,100	49,300	9,100	9,100	12,200
Percent Unemployed	10.0	9.7	10.5	5.8	5.8	7.1	8.1	8.1	10.7
Total Employment 2/	217,600	218,200	213,200	654,900	657,000	649,400	103,100	103,500	101,700
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,654.6	1,659.5	1,647.0	98,500	98,500	95,600	46,800	47,000	45,600
Total Unemployment	103.2	104.4	144.8	7,200	6,900	7,600	5,200	5,300	6,400
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.3	8.8	7.3	7.0	7.9	11.1	11.3	14.0
Total Employment 2/	1,551.4	1,555.1	1,502.2	91,300	91,600	88,000	41,600	41,700	39,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,000	81,600	81,300	117,500	117,400	114,400	145,600	143,400	142,000
Total Unemployment	6,300	6,400	8,500	6,000	5,900	7,200	23,200	21,500	25,500
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.8	10.5	5.1	5.0	6.3	15.9	15.0	18.0
Total Employment 2/	74,700	75,200	72,800	111,500	111,500	107,200	122,400	121,900	116,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,600	50,900	51,100	54,600	55,000	54,000	46,400	46,500	46,000
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,700	4,300	3,800	3,700	5,400	2,700	2,600	2,800
Percent Unemployed	5.1	5.3	8.4	7.0	6.7	10.0	5.8	5.6	6.1
Total Employment 2/	48,000	48,200	46,800	50,800	51,300	48,600	43,700	43,900	43,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	637,400	637,900	621,600	51,200	51,200	50,200	59,100	59,200	58,700
Total Unemployment	47,200	46,700	49,300	3,000	2,900	3,800	4,600	4,500	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.3	7.9	5.9	5.7	7.6	7.8	7.6	7.8
Total Employment 2/	590,200	591,200	572,300	48,200	48,300	46,400	54,500	54,700	54,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,100	78,300	79,300	37,500	37,400	37,900	93,900	94,600	93,600
Total Unemployment	5,500	5,300	6,900	2,400	2,300	3,200	6,100	6,100	7,600
Percent Unemployed	7.0	6.8	8.7	6.4	6.1	8.4	6.5	6.4	8.1
Total Employment 2/	72,600	73,000	72,400	35,100	35,100	34,700	87,800	88,500	86,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,200	59,700	58,700				8,469.3	8,492.0	8,440.1
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,200	4,400				567.9	562.2	697.7
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.4	7.5				6.7	6.6	8.3
Total Employment 2/	56,000	56,500	54,300				7,901.4	7,929.8	7,742.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug.± 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987	Aug.± 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987	Aug.± 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 416.17	$ 418.84	$ 409.08	41.7	41.8	41.7	$ 9.98	$ 10.02	$ 9.81
Durable Goods	410.89	412.98	404.07	41.8	41.8	41.7	9.83	9.88	9.69
Lumber & Wood Products	293.04	288.67	285.53	41.1	40.6	40.5	7.13	7.11	7.05
Furniture & Fixtures	275.70	271.83	258.86	41.9	41.5	39.4	6.58	6.55	6.57
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	392.28	398.14	397.63	42.5	42.4	43.6	9.23	9.39	9.12
Primary Metal Industries	441.19	450.29	437.85	42.3	42.4	41.7	10.43	10.62	10.50
Fabricated Metal Products	395.45	386.91	368.67	43.6	42.8	41.1	9.07	9.04	8.97
Machinery, exc. Electric	417.90	416.17	419.76	42.0	41.7	42.4	9.95	9.98	9.90
Oil Field Machinery	481.10	479.60	497.80	44.3	44.0	43.4	10.86	10.90	11.47
Electric & Electronic Equip.	424.91	429.07	434.42	40.2	40.1	40.6	10.57	10.70	10.70
Transportation Equipment	550.39	565.40	532.17	42.6	44.0	43.8	12.92	12.85	12.15
Instruments & Related Prod.	361.82	363.49	364.34	39.5	39.9	40.8	9.16	9.11	8.93
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	251.20	250.34	271.66	36.3	36.6	39.2	6.92	6.84	6.93
Nondurable Goods	421.64	425.52	413.92	41.5	41.8	41.6	10.16	10.18	9.95
Food & Kindred Products	356.16	358.24	340.59	42.4	42.8	42.1	8.40	8.37	8.09
Meat Products	274.07	266.24	259.08	42.1	41.6	40.8	6.51	6.40	6.35
Malt Beverages	891.50	967.30	839.45	49.5	52.4	47.4	18.01	18.46	17.71
Textile Mill Products	336.45	315.19	323.82	45.1	43.0	45.1	7.46	7.33	7.18
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	199.02	199.02	206.36	38.2	38.2	38.5	5.21	5.21	5.36
Paper & Allied Products	478.69	479.81	465.66	44.2	44.1	42.8	10.83	10.88	10.88
Printing & Publishing	398.56	393.79	388.87	39.5	39.3	39.6	10.09	10.02	9.82
Chemicals & Allied Products	633.35	652.55	653.18	41.1	42.1	43.2	15.41	15.50	15.12
Petroleum & Coal Products	720.69	729.76	655.78	45.7	46.1	43.2	15.77	15.83	15.18
Petroleum Refining	745.10	754.91	674.24	45.6	46.2	43.0	16.34	16.34	15.68
Leather & Leather Products	240.39	234.62	224.46	39.8	39.3	38.5	6.04	5.97	5.83
Other Nondurable Goods	391.00	392.45	395.14	43.3	43.8	44.1	9.03	8.96	8.96
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	485.06	507.16	481.52	39.5	40.9	40.6	12.28	12.40	11.86
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	568.34	566.18	549.17	47.6	47.3	46.5	11.94	11.97	11.81
Oil & Gas Extraction	478.47	502.58	477.17	38.9	40.4	40.2	12.30	12.44	11.87
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	517.30	522.05	487.04	40.7	41.4	39.5	12.71	12.61	12.33
Elec., Gas & San. Services	462.00	495.81	455.40	38.5	41.7	39.6	12.00	11.89	11.50
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.16	231.99	235.10	32.6	33.0	33.3	7.06	7.03	7.06
Wholesale Trade	398.22	401.25	387.30	38.7	39.3	39.2	10.29	10.21	9.88
Retail Trade	180.18	181.62	188.37	30.8	31.1	31.5	5.85	5.84	5.98
General Merchandise Stores	170.24	179.70	207.30	29.1	29.9	31.6	5.85	6.01	6.56
Banking	259.20	278.07	270.34	36.0	39.0	38.4	7.20	7.13	7.04

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 408.51	$ 404.89	$ 407.83	41.6	41.4	41.7	$ 9.82	$ 9.78	$ 9.78
Durable Goods	427.87	425.79	430.76	41.5	41.5	41.7	10.31	10.26	10.33
Nondurable Goods	376.13	372.11	369.82	41.7	41.3	41.6	9.02	9.01	8.89
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	447.72	447.94	408.95	42.0	42.1	41.1	10.66	10.64	9.95
Durable Goods	473.03	470.90	425.80	42.5	42.5	41.3	11.13	11.08	10.31
Nondurable Goods	384.05	386.63	366.71	40.9	41.0	40.7	9.39	9.43	9.01
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	489.99	495.19	487.38	43.4	43.4	43.4	11.29	11.41	11.23
Durable Goods	428.80	416.54	415.94	44.9	43.8	43.6	9.55	9.51	9.54
Nondurable Goods	561.70	584.73	568.08	41.7	42.9	43.2	13.47	13.63	13.15
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	299.77	298.94	304.84	39.6	39.7	40.7	7.57	7.53	7.49
Durable Goods	314.24	310.23	318.24	38.7	38.3	39.0	8.12	8.10	8.16
Nondurable Goods	285.63	287.82	292.29	40.4	41.0	42.3	7.07	7.02	6.91

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Wholesale and retail trade declined by 1,000 over the month, with losses in both sectors. Retail businesses were responsible for the majority of the losses. Eating and drinking places continued to drop, as 1,900 jobs were cut. Employment in food stores decreased by 1,100 in August. A sizeable increase in general merchandise stores and a smaller one in apparel and accessory stores nullified only a portion of the larger downturns.

Following three consecutive months of modest increases, mining (primarily oil and gas extraction) declined in August by 500 jobs. Although none of the gains or losses over the month were particularly large, the seasonal declines in services, government and trade left nonmanufacturing 4,200 below its July level in mid-August.

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Moderate but widespread increases in both durable and nondurable goods pushed employment in manufacturing up by 1,700, to an estimated 949,300 in mid-August. This was the largest increase registered by a major industry group over the month. Manufacturing has generated close to 17,000 additional jobs during the past year, for a 1.8 percent growth rate. Between July and August, nondurable goods posted the biggest gain with 1,000 additions, as all but two of its sectors registered modest increases. The biggest advance was 400 jobs added in printing and publishing. Smaller growth occurred in food and kindred products, chemicals and allied products, and in the other nondurable goods sector. The only downturns in nondurable goods were in petroleum and coal products and apparel and other finished textile products.

Mixed gains and losses in durable goods held growth to only 700 in August. Lumber and wood products dropped 600 jobs over the month as a large plant closed. Smaller decreases were experienced in stone, clay and glass products and in fabricated metal industries. Offsetting these losses were gains of 400 jobs in furniture and fixtures and in electric and electronic equipment. Smaller increases occurred in most other segments of durable goods.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS SLIP DOWNWARD

The estimated 617,100 manufacturing production workers in Texas in August averaged a 41.7 hour work-week at $9.98 an hour, and averaged $416.17 a week in earnings. The number of production workers rose by 2,500 between July and August. Average weekly hours slid downward by only 0.1 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings declined by 4¢. Between August 1987 and August 1988, weekly hours were unchanged while hourly earnings had risen by 17¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $7.09 over the year.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1988	Aug. 1987
Total Population	16,897,300	16,797,300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	2.2
UI Covered Employers	311,425	315,218
Total Claims Actions	547,055	600,979
Total Initial Claims Actions	61,515	60,654
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	485,540	540,325
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$150.93	$155.36
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$64,005,905	$77,587,349
Total Placements	38,784	25,553

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